

Remarks

The Specification has been amended with a replacement paragraph on page 1 to include the serial number and published application number of the co-pending application.

The declaration was declared defective because the citizenship of one of the inventors was illegible. A new original declaration signed and dated by that inventor, and including his citizenship, is included with this amendment.

Claims 1 and 3-23 remain. Claim 2 has been canceled.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 15-23 and the indicated allowability of claims 2-5, 9, 13 and 14 if amended to be in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2 and is now allowable. Claim 2 has been canceled. Claims 3-8 and 10-12 now depend from allowable claim 1 and are thus believed allowable.

Claims 9, 13 and 14 have each been amended to be in independent form to include their respective limitations and the limitations of former claim 1.

In view of the above amendments all remaining claims are believed in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney if a telephone conference will expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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